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LABOR FORCE CONTRACTS

The number of Texans participating in the civilian labor force was reduced by over 114,000 between July and August, as both total employment and unemployment declined in the actual series. Total employment dropped by 48,300 in August, to 7,622,000, with cutbacks occurring primarily as jobs created for the summer were deleted. The ranks of the unemployed shrank as many unsuccessful summer job seekers left the labor market to return to school or other endeavors.

The actual unemployment rate dropped from 6.3% in July to 5.6% at mid-August. The August rate was down two full percentage points from the year-ago rate of 7.6%. The only time during the past 12 months when the rate has been lower than the current month's was June, when the rate dropped to 5.5%.

Unemployment and employment also declined in the seasonally adjusted series for Texas, although the decrease was not as large. The number of employed Texans dropped by 21,000 in August, while jobless totals declined by 40,000. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 6.1% in July to 5.7% in August. The Nation's unemployment rates showed very little change over the month, as the actual rate slid from 7.5% to 7.3% and the seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged at 7.5%.

WAGE AND SALARY JOBS RISE MODERATELY

Following decreases in several major industry groups in July, the count of salaried nonfarm jobs rose by 7,800 between July and August, totaling 6,345,400 at mid-August. The wage and salary employment total had, however, increased by 218,800 from the year-ago level.

The nonmanufacturing sector provided two-thirds of the over-the-month advance, with one sector--wholesale and retail trade--generating most of the impetus. Wholesale

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,076.0	116,198.0	113,578.0
Unemployment	8,382.0	8,714.0	10,411.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.5	9.2
Total Employment	106,694.0	107,484.0	103,167.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,495.0	113,938.0	112,117.0
Unemployment	8,526.0	8,543.0	10,633.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.5	9.5
Total Employment	104,969.0	105,395.0	101,484.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,072.2	8,186.4	7,655.8
Unemployment	450.2	516.1	580.4
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.3	7.6
Total Employment	7,622.0	7,670.3	7,075.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,036.0	8,097.0	7,652.0
Unemployment	455.0	495.0	578.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	6.1	7.6
Total Employment	7,581.0	7,602.0	7,074.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '84*	July '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	July '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	July '84**	Aug. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,000	57,000	56,900	79,400	79,500	76,300	296,700	294,700	274,900
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,500	9,600	9,900	9,500	36,100	35,700	33,400
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,200	1,900	2,000	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,200	3,100	3,200	4,000	4,200	4,100	21,100	20,600	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,000	6,700	6,700	5,900	8,100	8,200	6,000
Trade	15,000	14,900	15,000	24,300	24,000	23,300	68,400	68,000	63,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,600	4,500	4,200	19,300	19,200	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,600	13,200	15,100	15,000	14,600	62,000	61,600	57,000
Government	9,000	9,000	8,600	13,200	13,200	12,700	80,800	80,500	78,200
BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE									
TOTAL	141,300	142,000	138,200	62,200	61,800	60,500	44,500	44,400	43,000
Manufacturing	31,700	31,700	32,200	10,900	10,900	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,500	9,300	9,800	3,200	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,800	12,000	10,900	3,300	3,200	2,900	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	34,100	34,400	33,100	17,300	17,200	17,300	10,000	9,800	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,400	26,100	11,300	11,400	10,900	6,500	6,700	6,300
Government	18,500	18,800	18,000	13,000	12,600	11,700	16,600	16,600	15,900
CORPUS CHRISTI									
TOTAL	129,400	129,000	128,500	1663.4	1658.4	1575.6	166,900	166,100	161,500
Manufacturing	14,800	14,900	14,200	321.7	321.2	309.2	39,000	37,600	36,100
Mining	7,500	7,400	7,200	28.2	28.3	28.8	--	--	--
Construction	9,800	9,700	9,900	105.5	104.7	99.2	9,500	9,400	8,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,300	7,600	100.7	101.2	87.1	9,800	9,700	9,200
Trade	33,000	32,900	32,800	448.5	445.7	429.7	40,900	40,900	40,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,700	6,500	140.1	139.4	129.5	8,100	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,100	24,000	24,100	339.7	339.2	318.9	28,200	28,300	28,200
Government	26,200	26,100	26,200	179.0	178.7	173.2	31,400	32,200	31,300
DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700
EL PASO									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700
HOUSTON 2/									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700
KILLEEN-TEMPLE									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700

2/ In Thousands

trade rose by 600, as orders for machinery, equipment and supplies increased. Among the retail trade sectors, three industries recorded the largest growth. Other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places, gained over 3,000 jobs over the month. Back-to-school business produced an increase of 1,400 in apparel and accessory stores. The third sector to register sizeable growth in August was food stores, which rose by 1,100. Small seasonal decreases occurred in building materials and garden supplies and in automotive dealers and service stations.

Transportation and public utilities gained 1,000 additional jobs between July and August. Transportation, except railroads, was responsible for the majority of the growth, as business peaked in water transportation. Communication also recorded a modest increase, while electric, gas and sanitary services remained stable.

After having dropped 1,600 jobs in July, construction was only able to reinstate 200 of them in August. High interest rates and scarce financing have suppressed building activity so that levels are now 18,200 below those of a year ago, and some 34,000 jobs have been lost since August 1982.

Among the declines in nonmanufacturing industries, by far the largest was in government, which dropped 1,600 jobs over the month. The completion of seasonal and temporary work pushed employment down by 800 in federal government, while the end of the summer school semester curtailed jobs in the state sector by 600. Local

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TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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Industry	Aug.'84*	July'84**	Aug.'83**	Aug.'84*	July'84**	Aug.'83**	Aug.'84*	July'84**	Aug.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,400	30,500	28,500	67,400	67,200	66,700	90,200	90,200	88,600
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,700	14,900	14,900	14,900	9,500	9,400	11,100
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	600	500	500
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,400	4,800	4,800	5,000	4,300	4,400	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,700	3,700	3,300	4,500	4,600	3,800
Trade	9,300	9,300	8,900	17,200	17,100	16,900	26,900	27,100	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,900	2,700	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,100	4,500	11,100	11,200	11,200	19,000	19,000	18,300
Government	7,200	7,200	6,500	9,100	8,100	7,600	20,000	19,800	19,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	76,100	75,400	74,300	57,200	58,000	49,900	60,000	59,800	54,400
Manufacturing	9,800	9,900	9,600	3,900	4,000	3,500	5,800	5,800	6,200
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	12,900	13,400	12,100	8,500	8,800	8,700
Construction	5,100	5,100	5,200	3,300	3,700	3,500	4,600	4,500	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,300	3,000	2,900	2,300	3,000	3,000	2,400
Trade	24,200	24,100	23,200	14,200	14,100	11,900	18,600	18,400	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,000	3,700	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,400	11,100	10,100	10,200	8,300	9,500	9,200	8,000
Government	18,200	17,600	18,300	5,700	5,700	4,600	7,600	7,700	7,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,600	37,800	37,000	455,500	455,600	432,600	35,000	34,900	34,400
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,600	51,500	51,500	49,900	12,000	11,900	11,200
Mining	800	800	1000	3,600	3,500	3,500	200	200	200
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,500	33,600	33,000	31,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,000	18,900	14,700	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,500	9,400	9,000	120,600	119,600	113,200	7,100	7,000	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,500	33,300	31,900	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,800	7,500	99,900	99,800	94,200	6,200	6,300	6,400
Government	6,300	6,400	6,000	93,800	96,000	93,500	4,800	4,800	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	47,500	47,500	45,900	58,500	58,200	56,400	28,300	28,400	28,100
Manufacturing	9,500	9,400	8,700	12,400	12,200	11,600	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	38,000	38,100	37,200	2,900	2,800	3,000	2,400	2,400	2,700
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,400	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,000	3,000	2,500	1,400	1,500	1,300
Trade	10,900	11,000	10,800	14,800	14,800	14,500	7,800	7,800	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,800	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,300	12,000	11,900	11,600	5,600	5,500	5,300
Government	12,400	12,300	12,100	7,800	7,800	7,400	3,900	4,000	3,800
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	75,900	76,700	73,300	53,300	53,500	52,200			
Manufacturing	--	--	--	9,900	9,900	9,100			
Mining	16,400	16,400	15,400	3,200	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,200	2,000	2,100	2,000			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,400	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,700			
Trade	19,600	19,600	18,600	13,600	13,600	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,900	16,500	9,200	9,200	9,300			
Government	11,000	11,200	11,100	10,000	10,100	10,200			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

government also lost a moderate number of jobs in August. The sensitivity of the oil and gas industry to market demand was again shown in August as, for the second consecutive month, mining employment declined. Compared to last month's drop of 1,000, however, the August decrease of 400 was fairly small.

Some sizeable gains in services were counter-balanced by seasonal decreases, for a total loss of 100 over the month. The growth occurred primarily in business and repair services, which contributed 1,600 new positions in August. Temporary help agencies and data processing firms continued to add workers, while management and consulting firms and cleaning and maintenance services also augmented payrolls.

Another 600 positions were reported by firms engaged in providing personal services. These advances were nullified by a decrease of 2,000 in other services and miscellaneous, as many legal establishments deleted summer jobs and membership organizations cut positions as summer activities wound down.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry				Change From	Change From
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	July 1984	Aug. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,345,400	6,337,600	6,126,600	7,800	218,800
Manufacturing	995,600	992,700	957,000	2,900	38,600
Durable Goods	577,500	574,900	545,800	2,600	31,700
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	42,200	41,100	-400	700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,600	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,500	17,200	17,100	300	400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,000	48,800	47,000	200	2,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,200	22,900	21,500	300	1,700
Primary Metal Industries	34,100	33,700	33,700	400	400
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,200	82,000	80,400	200	1,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,700	44,600	44,300	100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,200	137,200	128,400	0	8,800
Oil Field Machinery	44,800	44,200	40,800	600	4,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	106,200	104,900	92,400	1,300	13,800
Transportation Equipment	74,400	74,000	71,300	400	3,100
Aircraft & Parts	37,700	37,500	37,400	200	300
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	23,100	22,500	-100	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,100	11,800	11,900	300	200
Nondurable Goods	418,100	417,800	411,200	300	6,900
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	97,500	93,500	100	4,100
Meat Products	24,900	24,900	25,100	0	-200
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Bakery Products	12,500	12,400	10,800	100	1,700
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	5,100	5,000	4,800	100	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	61,600	61,500	61,200	100	400
Paper & Allied Products	22,400	22,200	21,800	200	600
Printing & Publishing	71,800	71,700	69,000	100	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,900	35,100	0	800
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,600	76,800	77,400	-200	-800
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,600	43,900	-100	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,300	39,400	40,800	-100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,000	8,600	100	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	32,400	32,500	31,000	-100	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,349,800	5,344,900	5,169,600	4,900	180,200
Mining	270,700	271,100	259,600	-400	11,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	260,600	261,100	249,900	-500	10,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	10,000	9,700	100	400
Construction	410,600	410,400	428,800	200	-18,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,000	383,000	332,500	1,000	51,500
Railroad Transportation	25,400	25,500	24,600	-100	800
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,300	182,400	174,600	900	8,700
Transportation by Air	35,300	35,200	37,600	100	-2,300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,700	96,500	53,800	200	42,900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	78,600	79,500	0	-900
Electric Services	44,000	44,100	44,400	-100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	29,300	29,200	29,900	100	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,602,400	1,596,400	1,564,700	6,000	37,700
Wholesale Trade	444,000	443,400	433,400	600	10,600
Retail Trade	1,158,400	1,153,000	1,131,300	5,400	27,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,000	55,300	52,600	-300	2,400
General Merchandise Stores	145,100	145,200	145,700	-100	-600
Food Stores	210,100	209,000	201,800	1,100	8,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,000	134,800	131,700	200	3,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,400	77,000	77,900	1,400	500
Other Retail Trade	534,800	531,700	521,600	3,100	13,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,200	406,400	396,000	-200	10,200
Banking	104,300	104,200	103,500	100	800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,800	124,600	123,200	200	1,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,100	177,600	169,300	-500	7,800
Services	1,230,400	1,230,500	1,183,400	-100	47,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,900	77,900	76,300	0	1,600
Personal Services	74,900	74,300	72,100	600	2,800
Business & Repair Services	332,200	330,600	310,800	1,600	21,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	56,500	57,200	53,000	-700	3,500
Health Services	346,000	345,900	339,400	100	6,600
Educational Services	53,800	53,500	52,200	300	1,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	289,100	291,100	279,600	-2,000	9,500
Total Government	1,045,500	1,047,100	1,004,600	-1,600	40,900
Total Federal Government	182,600	183,400	176,300	-800	6,300
Total State Government	214,300	214,900	206,200	-600	8,100
Total Local Government	648,600	648,800	622,100	-200	26,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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	Aug. '84*	Jul. '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	Jul. '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	Jul. '84**	Aug. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,000	80,200	77,100	104,700	106,000	98,300	355,500	356,400	320,200
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,400	5,000	4,800	12,000	12,800	12,900
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.5	5.4	4.2	4.7	4.9	3.4	3.6	4.0
Total Employment 2/	76,000	76,600	72,900	100,300	101,000	93,500	343,500	343,600	307,300
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	182,700	188,800	178,900	94,700	96,400	90,700	56,500	57,000	52,900
Total Unemployment	18,800	22,600	24,000	12,000	14,100	13,000	2,100	2,300	2,300
Percent Unemployed	10.3	12.0	13.4	12.7	14.6	14.3	3.7	4.0	4.3
Total Employment 2/	163,900	166,200	154,900	82,700	82,300	77,700	54,400	54,700	50,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,700	173,600	169,600	1,960.8	1,976.9	1,816.0	204,800	206,900	193,800
Total Unemployment	13,400	15,500	19,200	69.2	79.4	87.3	19,900	21,100	21,400
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.9	11.3	3.5	4.0	4.8	9.7	10.2	11.0
Total Employment 2/	157,300	158,100	150,400	1,891.6	1,897.5	1,728.7	184,900	185,800	172,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	94,000	96,000	90,300	1,820.5	1,851.8	1,768.4	79,900	81,400	74,100
Total Unemployment	8,600	9,800	10,800	111.8	131.1	160.9	3,900	4,800	4,400
Percent Unemployed	9.1	10.2	12.0	6.1	7.1	9.1	4.9	5.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	85,400	86,200	79,500	1,708.7	1,720.7	1,607.5	76,000	76,600	69,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,400	40,800	39,800	81,600	83,100	80,900	115,500	117,600	112,800
Total Unemployment	6,000	7,100	9,500	6,000	7,000	8,700	5,700	6,600	7,500
Percent Unemployed	15.2	17.4	23.9	7.4	8.4	10.8	4.9	5.6	6.6
Total Employment 2/	33,400	33,700	30,300	75,600	76,100	72,200	109,800	111,000	105,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	117,800	120,300	112,800	75,100	76,700	65,400	79,600	80,900	73,300
Total Unemployment	23,500	25,400	23,300	2,700	3,100	3,700	3,400	4,000	6,400
Percent Unemployed	19.9	21.1	20.7	3.6	4.0	5.7	4.3	4.9	8.7
Total Employment 2/	94,300	94,900	89,500	72,400	73,600	61,700	76,200	76,900	66,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,400	53,100	50,000	546,200	553,800	506,000	42,000	42,600	40,600
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,600	25,900	29,600	29,400	1,900	2,300	2,700
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.3	5.2	4.7	5.3	5.8	4.5	5.4	6.7
Total Employment 2/	50,400	50,800	47,400	520,300	524,200	476,600	40,100	40,300	37,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	55,600	51,800	81,200	81,700	76,300	38,400	39,200	38,700
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,600	4,500	3,900	4,300	4,500	2,000	2,400	3,800
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.3	8.7	4.8	5.3	5.9	5.2	6.1	9.8
Total Employment 2/	50,800	51,000	47,300	77,300	77,400	71,800	36,400	36,800	34,900
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,900	97,900	89,200	70,800	71,900	67,800	8,072.2	8,186.4	7,655.8
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,600	4,400	3,100	3,400	4,100	450.2	516.1	580.4
Percent Unemployed	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.7	6.0	5.6	6.3	7.6
Total Employment 2/	91,900	93,300	84,800	67,700	68,500	63,700	7,622.0	7,670.3	7,075.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. ± 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. ± 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. ± 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$379.81	\$377.98	\$365.72	41.6	41.4	41.0	\$ 9.13	\$ 9.13	\$ 8.92
Durable Goods	373.50	369.15	356.94	41.5	41.2	40.7	9.00	8.96	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	259.64	251.02	252.17	39.7	39.1	39.9	6.54	6.42	6.32
Furniture & Fixtures	237.37	222.04	242.72	39.3	36.4	41.0	6.04	6.10	5.92
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	378.40	372.81	352.84	44.0	43.3	43.4	8.60	8.61	8.13
Primary Metal Industries	411.52	407.38	400.62	41.4	41.4	38.3	9.94	9.84	10.46
Fabricated Metal Products	352.34	348.12	356.40	41.5	41.1	40.0	8.49	8.47	8.91
Machinery, Exc. Electric	389.58	381.78	348.65	42.3	42.0	40.4	9.21	9.09	8.63
Oil Field Machinery	464.83	455.82	416.70	43.2	42.6	40.3	10.76	10.70	10.34
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	416.37	390.45	368.51	42.4	41.1	40.9	9.82	9.50	9.01
Transportation Equipment	466.80	498.12	476.93	40.0	42.0	41.4	11.67	11.86	11.52
Instr. & Related Products	306.54	292.99	316.01	39.2	38.2	39.6	7.82	7.67	7.98
Misc. Mfg. Industries	267.85	279.34	308.38	39.8	41.2	41.9	6.73	6.78	7.36
Nondurable Goods	388.74	390.31	378.07	41.8	41.7	41.5	9.30	9.36	9.11
Food & Kindred Products	338.34	342.65	326.21	43.1	43.1	42.2	7.85	7.95	7.73
Meat Products	282.28	298.07	279.86	43.9	45.3	41.4	6.43	6.58	6.76
Malt Beverages	794.61	783.55	672.30	48.6	48.1	45.4	16.35	16.29	14.94
Textile Mill Products	266.67	282.38	269.61	40.9	42.4	43.0	6.52	6.66	6.27
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	191.12	186.73	188.18	38.3	37.8	38.8	4.99	4.94	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	433.50	446.89	407.66	44.1	44.6	43.6	9.83	10.02	9.35
Printing & Publishing	355.97	349.11	342.55	41.2	40.5	40.3	8.64	8.62	8.50
Chemicals & Allied Products	599.81	608.18	585.93	42.3	42.5	42.8	14.18	14.31	13.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	611.40	618.89	600.79	43.3	43.8	42.7	14.12	14.13	14.07
Petroleum Refining	629.30	636.55	615.04	43.4	43.9	42.8	14.50	14.50	14.37
Leather & Leather Products	198.74	198.20	196.33	36.4	36.3	38.8	5.46	5.46	5.06
Other Nondurable Goods	375.41	375.84	358.70	43.3	43.5	42.3	8.67	8.64	8.48
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	479.42	490.57	466.51	45.4	46.9	44.9	10.56	10.46	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	482.15	492.92	471.00	45.4	46.9	44.9	10.62	10.51	10.49
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	435.10	436.02	372.55	47.5	47.6	45.6	9.16	9.16	8.17
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	433.90	434.03	361.92	40.4	40.3	37.7	10.74	10.77	9.60
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.30	438.89	414.83	40.7	40.6	41.4	10.72	10.81	10.02
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.38	240.08	231.84	34.8	35.1	34.5	6.85	6.84	6.72
Wholesale Trade	363.41	364.61	352.08	40.2	40.2	40.1	9.04	9.07	8.78
Retail Trade	194.44	196.14	188.50	32.9	33.3	32.5	5.91	5.89	5.80
General Mdse. Stores	154.28	161.39	165.74	29.0	30.8	30.3	5.32	5.24	5.47
Banking	258.33	262.55	245.75	39.2	39.6	38.7	6.59	6.63	6.35

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$365.66	\$368.94	\$361.97	41.6	41.5	40.9	\$ 8.79	\$ 8.89	\$ 8.85
Durable Goods	376.33	381.39	377.40	41.4	41.5	40.8	9.09	9.19	9.25
Nondurable Goods	342.27	341.14	329.99	42.1	41.4	41.3	8.13	8.24	7.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	473.47	470.42	440.90	43.2	43.0	40.9	10.96	10.94	10.78
Durable Goods	425.87	413.66	379.45	43.5	43.0	39.9	9.79	9.62	9.51
Nondurable Goods	535.43	544.81	518.64	42.8	43.0	42.2	12.51	12.67	12.29
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	274.18	268.94	273.82	40.8	40.2	41.3	6.72	6.69	6.63
Durable Goods	287.55	284.82	298.16	40.5	40.4	41.7	7.10	7.05	7.15
Nondurable Goods	259.12	251.60	248.67	41.0	40.0	40.9	6.32	6.29	6.08

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Following a decline of 1,000 between June and July, manufacturing industries bounced back and picked up almost 3,000 jobs between July and August. Almost all of the growth was concentrated in the durable goods sector, which gained 2,600 over the month.

The single largest increase in durable goods occurred in electric and electronic equipment, where 1,300 new jobs were added. The vitality of this industry is illustrated by the fact that this considerable overall growth occurred despite a large layoff by one major employer. Smaller growth was recorded in transportation equipment and in primary metal industries. Furniture and fixtures recorded modest growth, along with stone, clay and glass products and fabricated metal industries. The only declines were registered in lumber and wood products and in instruments and related products. Smaller increases and decreases occurred among nondurable goods industries in August. The number of manufacturing production workers rose by 4,700 between July and August, from 664,900 to 669,600 in mid-August.

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HOURS RISE, EARNINGS STABLE

The average Texas manufacturing production worker worked 41.6 hours per week at \$9.13 per hour, averaging \$379.81 per week in August. Although the rate of pay was unchanged over the month, average hours worked increased by 0.2 hour, pushing the weekly wage up by \$1.83. Average hours worked were up 0.6 hour from a year earlier, while hourly earnings had risen by 21¢ from August 1983. Although the nondurable goods sector did average a 0.1 hour gain in hours worked, most of the total increase in pay was generated by durable goods industries.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA Second Quarter April-June 1984

Abilene	\$ 883,355
Amarillo	1,664,584
Austin	2,029,297
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	9,828,698
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	3,391,742
Bryan-College Station	586,469
Corpus Christi	4,606,965
Dallas-Fort Worth	18,258,292
El Paso	5,127,246
Galveston-Texas City	3,606,460
Houston	48,009,679
Killeen-Temple	597,381
Laredo	1,864,828
Longview-Marshall	2,257,016
Lubbock	1,739,347
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	5,484,093
Midland	746,235
Odessa	1,209,032
San Angelo	425,238
San Antonio	5,623,796
Sherman-Denison	664,375
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	619,153
Tyler	881,544
Victoria	655,945
Waco	1,101,081
Wichita Falls	761,532

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1983
Total Population	16,363,900	15,881,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	2.3
UI Covered Employers	303,076	292,926
Total Claims Actions	427,387	676,213
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,119	70,183
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	367,268	606,030
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$133.75	\$134.38
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$43,048,542	\$78,168,009
Total Placements	49,475	46,614

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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